

**REMARKS**

Claims 28-31 and 35-65 are pending. Claims 37, 43, 45, 46, and 48-51 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but are allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 59-61 and 65 are allowed. Claims 52, 53, 63, and 64 are withdrawn from consideration and are canceled herein without prejudice. Claims 36, 37, and 55 are canceled herein without prejudice. Claims 28, 43-51, 54, and 56-58 have been amended to more clearly set forth aspects of the invention. Accordingly, claims 28, 43-51, 54, and 56-58 as amended, and dependent claims therefrom and allowed claims 59-61 and 65 are under consideration.

Support for the amendments to the claims is found throughout the specification and in the original claims. Specifically, support for amendment to claim 28 is found, for example, in previously presented claims 28, 36, and 37. Support for amendment to claim 43 is found, for example, in previously presented claims 28 and 43. Support for amendment to claim 44 is found, for example, in previously presented claims 28, 36, 37, and 44. Support for amendment to claim 45 is found, for example, in previously presented claims 28, 29, and 45. Support for amendment to claim 46 is found, for example, in previously presented claims 28, 29, and 46. Support for amendment to claim 47 is found, for example, in previously presented claims 28, 36, 37, and 47. Support for amendment to claims 48-51 is found, for example, in previously presented claims 28 and 47, in combination with previously presented claims 48-51, respectively. Support for amendment to claims 54 and 56 is found, for example, in previously presented claims 28, 36, 37, and 54-56. Support for amendment to claim 57 is found, for example, in previously presented claims 28, 36, 37, and 57. Support for amendment to claim 58 is found, for example, in previously presented claims 28, 36, 37, and 58. No issue of new matter is introduced by the amendments to the claims.

**Specification**

The Examiner has suggested guidelines regarding the preferred layout for the specification of a utility application. The Specification is amended herein to better conform to these guidelines. No issue of new matter is hereby incorporated.

### **Claim Objections**

At page 3 of the Office Action (first full paragraph), the Examiner has indicated that claims 37, 43, and 45-51 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be found allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Based on the Examiner's comments on pages 1 and 3 (third full paragraph) of the Office Action, Applicant's understanding is that claim 47 is rejected, rather than objected to. Applicant has, therefore, amended the claims in accordance with this understanding. Clarification is, however, respectfully requested as to the status of claim 47.

With respect to claims 43, 45, 46, and 48-50, the instant claims have been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. Claim 51 depends from independent claim and is, therefore, amended via its dependency on instant claim 50. Claim 37 is canceled herein, but the recited features of claim 37 are herein incorporated into instant claim 28. Accordingly, Applicant believes that the basis for the objection to claims 37, 43, and 45-51 is obviated and respectfully request that the objection to these claims be withdrawn.

### **Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 28-31, 35, 36, 38-42, 44, 47, 54-58, and 62 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by Wyllie et al. (IDS reference AV, filed 21 December 2005). In view of amendments to the claims, the rejection as it applied to claims 28-31, 35, 36, 38-42, 44, 47, 54-58, and 62 is respectfully traversed.

Although Applicant reserves the right to dispute the Examiner's position with respect to certain aspects of the above rejection in related applications should they be raised in connection with such applications, the claims of the present application are amended herein to advance prosecution of the claims to allowance. Accordingly, claim 28 and dependent claims therefrom, claim 47, claim 54 and dependent claims therefrom, and claims 57, 58, and 62 have been amended to be directed to aspects of the present invention which are not taught by Wyllie et al. Such aspects of the invention were affirmed by the Examiner to render the subject matter of claim 37, as previously

presented in the Preliminary Amendment filed September 23, 2003, allowable. Claims 36 and 54 are canceled herein. Applicant, therefore, believes that the rejection of claims 28-31, 35, 36, 38-42, 44, 47, 54-58, and 62 is hereby obviated.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the above arguments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the validity of the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102 and withdraw the rejection.


#### ***Fees***

No additional fees are believed to be necessitated by this amendment. However, should this be an error, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1153 for any underpayment or to credit any overpayment.

#### ***Conclusion***

It is submitted, therefore, that the claims are in condition for allowance. No new matter has been introduced. From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such action is earnestly solicited. In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment, or application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

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